(d) The figures for net terms of trade during the period 1980-81 to 1984-85, for which data is available are as under:—

(Base 1978-79-100)

Year	Net Terms of Trade
1980-81	80.8
1981-82	93.7
1982-83	98.0
1983-84	120.0
1984-85	105.0

SOURCE: DGCI&S, Calcutta.

Probe into collapse of the rice godown in North Delhi

2463. SHRI M.A. BABY:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
DR. R.K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the magisterial probe into the collapse of a rice godown in North Delhi willing 10 labourers in January, 1987 has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the points raised in the inquiry report; and

(c) the steps taken on the basis of the recommendations, in detail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir The Report has been submitted to the Delhi Administration.

(b) and (c) While giving the causes and circumstances leading to the collapse of the godown the report indicates that the structure was unsound, unsafe and dangerous for living. It was further exposed to danger when huge quantity of rice was stocked in this godown Although it was not meant for such purposes. The report also indicates that it was constructed without the approval of the competent authority. The Report also suggested certain remedial measures in this regard.

The findings of the inquiry have been accepted by the Lt. Governor, Delhi. On the basis of the findings of the inquiry report, the concerned Departments have already been asked to take necessary action against the persons responsible for lapses on their part. Municipal Corporation of Delhi has placed the then Zonal Engineer of the Area under suspension w.e.f 15.4.1987. The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi has initiated action against the officials whose names have been brought out in the inquiry report.

Harassment of a scooter rickshaw driver by the Police

2464. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 4th October, 1987 regarding highhandedness of the police in harassing a scooter rickshaw driver, who happened to be a witness to the death of a boy due to police torture while in custody; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegation made in the news item has been looked into and has been found to be false. As regards the death of the boy in Police custody, he along with the 2 other boys, had been brought to the Police Station on the night of the 28th June, 1987, after having been beaten by the public when the 3 of them had robbed a 3 wheeler rikshaw driver. He was declared 'brought dead' at the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.